FRANKLIN COUNTY

Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company in Difficulties—Festivities of the Christmas Season

GREENFIELD, Dec 24—The appointment this week by the Supreme Court of Daniel P. Abercrombie of Turners Falls as receiver of the Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company and of the allied company maintainig lines from Orange to Hudson, is regarded as the best way out of a tight fix. In common with many other street railway companies, the Connecticut Valley Company has had trouble to keep the cars running for several years. Mr Abercrombie is treasurer and general manager of the company that operates from Greenfield to Millers Falls, from Greenfield to Northampton and from there to Amherst and from Orange to Hudson.

The introduction of the automobile is responsible in large measure for the present plight of the company, which has been doing a losing business for several years. Some portions of the road pay, as from Northampton to Amherst. Under normal conditions the road from Greenfield to Turners Falls would pay well. It is not unlikely that the line running from Turners Falls to Millers Falls and to Montague Center will have to be given up from lack of patronage.

There will be a public dance for the benefit of the Franklin County Hospital in the State Armory Wednesday night. A fine orchestra has been secured to furnish the music. The tickets are selling well, assuring a good crowd. There will be tables for auction bridge for those who care for it. The boxes in the hall of the armory afford a good opportunity for watching the dancing on the floor.

The Christmas tide is in full swing in spite of the general depression in industrial lines. That the children of men out of work might not be cut off from

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